

Week Ending Friday, May 14, 1993

Nominations for the National Council on Disability

May 7, 1993

The President announced today that he intends to nominate five new members to the National Council on Disability and that he has approved the nomination for reappointment of two others.

"I am pleased to announce these additions to the National Council on Disability," said the President. "With the passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act, people with disabilities are now able to fully participate in our society. These outstanding people will ensure that all Americans are judged by their abilities, not their disabilities."

Among those the President will nominate is Marca Bristo, the president and executive director of Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago. Following her confirmation and appointment, Bristo will be designated by the President as Chair of the Commission.

The other new members the President will nominate are:

Michelle Alioto, television director, producer, writer, and host, and cofounder of the American Paralysis Association;

Bonnie O'Day, executive director, Boston Center for Independent Living;

Hughey Walker, chairman, Georgetown (SC) County Council; and

Katie Pew Wolters, executive director, Steelcase Foundation and member, Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council.

The members being nominated for reappointment are:

John Anthony Gannon, president emeritus, International Association of Fire Fighters, and founder, John A. Gannon and Associates; and

Lawrence Brown, Jr., business and community relations manager, Xerox, and former running back for the Washington Redskins.

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The President's Radio Address

May 8, 1993

Good morning. In the early days of our administration we've moved quickly to deal with the problems that concern you most. Our endeavors are ambitious and none will be accomplished easily, some will require time and repeated struggle. But all of them relate directly to improving our economy, to creating more jobs and better incomes and opportunity for hard-pressed working families.

Many of the efforts we're making are opposed by lobbyists, defenders of the status quo and special interests. We're fighting, after all, to do something that no generation of Americans has had to do before: to make dramatic reductions in the Federal deficit, even as we ask for new, very targeted investments in the education and training of our people, in incentives for our industries, in new technologies for new jobs in the 21st century.

Many special interests are trying to stop our every move. They don't believe in a program which cuts spending in areas they don't want to have spending cuts or which raises most of the tax burden from wealthy people whose incomes went up and taxes went down in the eighties, while the middle class paid more in taxes while their incomes went down. We want to reverse that, but most working people don't have lobbyists here to help them.

We're fighting hard to reform our health care system. And soon, we'll put forward a plan to provide real security and health care for every American family. And already, special interests are trying to carve the plan to bits.